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Ford and the CIA

President Ford has given two reasons — one disingenuous and the other irrelevant — for justifying the subversive activities of the CIA in Chile.

Disingenuously, the President suggests the CIA money was given to opposition parties and newspapers because they were threatened by Allende's government. Yet opposition parties and newspapers, having flourished under Allende, disappeared under the military junta which followed. His second reason is even more lame — that Communist nations do it, so why shouldn't the U.S.

The purported reason for attempting to isolate Cuba has been because of Castro's support for subversion overseas. Now the U.S. has been caught in the same act, on a much grander scale, and against a democratically elected government. — The Guardian (England)

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